Home 'Forge' Is Fun

The jig saw becomes a "forge" when used to make "wrought iron" ornamentation for the home.

When well done, the simulations are good enough to pass for wrought iron in a dimly lit location.

Elsewhere, they're inexpensive, fun-to-make, frankly decorative additions to your belongings.

When used with concealed metal hinges, as on recreation room cabinets, these tempered hardboard decorations are quite convincing.

Among the items you can make: oramental plates for doors, house number plates, fireplace decorations, monograms, coats of arms and ornamental trivets to use for basing house plants.

Trace outline of pieces on a tempered hardboard panel or scraps left over from some major project.

Cut with a jig saw or other power saw designed for small work. You can use a hand-type scroll saw, of course.

To produce the hammered iron effect, gouge edges with a power sander, peen with a ball-peen hammer or do the edges with a half-round file.

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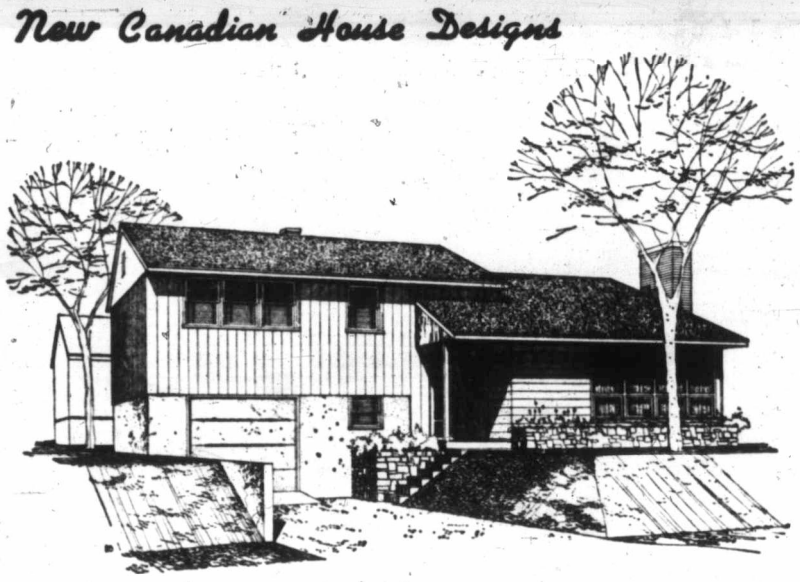
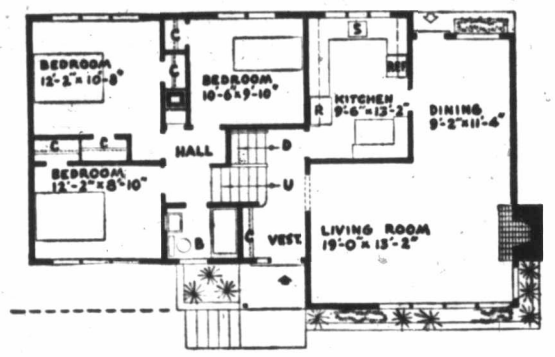
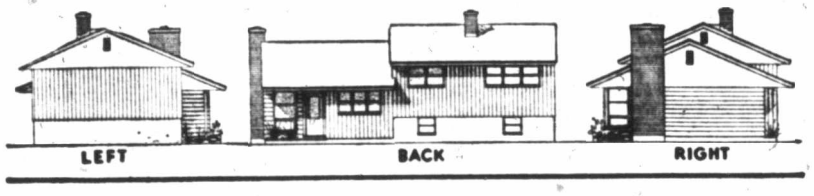


DESIGN 757: It would be best to face this three-bedroom split-level house, designed by architect M. G. Dixon, of Ottawa, with the fireplace chimney end to the south. Total floor area of the house is 1,158 square feet, excluding garage, and the exterior dimensions are 46 feet by 23 feet, four inches. Working drawings for the plan may be obtained at minimum cost from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.





City Building Trades Hope for Boom Year

High hopes for a good, busy year ahead are held by members of Victoria's building trades.

Admittedly their optimism is based more on prospects than on blueprints—but the prospects look good. Don Bushell of the Building Trades Council told the Colonist:

"If these jobs go through, the year to come should be better than 1957."

Big construction projects are in the offing for Victoria, and it is to these that the trades look for activity.

They include the proposed addition to Royal Jubilee Hospital; the proposed new courthouse; several major shopping centres, plans for which have been announced as under consideration; a big new jetty at HMC Dockyard.

Meanwhile, home-building is continuing, even if not as rapidly as in some recent years. Biggest such job at present is the 80-unit development now under way at Belmont Park.

"I'm told that practically every carpenter in the city is working now," Mr. Bushell said. "If these big jobs go through, we'll all be busy."

Jobs to Be 'Policed'

Heating Industry To Protect Public

Canada's warm air heating industry has a policeman.

And that policeman is making a determined effort to eradicate miscreants from both inside and outside the ranks.

The Warm Air Heating and Air Conditioning Association of Canada is the industry's own watchdog. Based in Toronto, it numbers among its members leading manufacturers of heating equipment, and qualified installers from coast to coast.

HIGH STANDARDS

Over the years, it has created high standards for the protection of the public, and the development of better business for its members. Often, it has been aided or supported by all three levels of government—for faulty heating equipment can lead to fires and fatalities.

But casual heating installers, and unscrupulous firms outside the organization have created a situation needing a clean-up.

"And clean it up we will," says T. A. Clark, general manager of NWAHA.

"We believe that Double Seal Heating is the answer. We are promoting it across Canada in the interests of better and safer warm air heating for the public."

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A sloppy job, performed by someone who offers to slice $100 or so from the reputable man's price, can at worst, kill an entire family by fire or explosion and, at the best, provide acute discomfort and heavy fuel bills.

The association has created a colorful adhesive seal, divided into two mating parts. One part is fixed to the equipment by the manufacturer, and certifies that the apparatus complies with standards laid down by NWAHA—approved already by the federal housing agency, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The seal also states that the equipment carries the maker's regular warranty. The second portion of the seal, provided by the installing contractor, may not be affixed until the equipment has been checked by an expert on his staff, who must sign an affidavit that it meets the requirements of the NWAHA-approved plans.

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Easiest Way to Start Trouble

If You Value Your Friends Don't Lend Them Your Tools

Kindest thing you can tell the fellow who wants to borrow one of your power tools is: "Many hardware and building supply dealers rent 'em, friend."

If you lend a power tool, you're wide open for expense, to begin with. If you're soft-headed enough to lend the tool, you won't have crust enough to accept payment if the other fellow breaks it.

Secondly, if he manages to hurt himself while using it, you'll be carrying a load of remorse in addition to your regular run-of-the-house woes.

A would-be borrower works under difficulty with a borrowed power tool, too. He's conscious of responsibility for its care and, if something goes wrong, feels under obligation to fix it.

Too, human nature being what it is, if he hurts himself or damages his property, he'll feel resentment toward you. Even though he won't admit it, you'll be to blame for lending him the tool which did the damage.

Let him rent the tool from a hardware or building supply dealer.

Many rental plans have a clause whereby the rental fee goes toward purchase of the tool in question.

The dealer is set up to handle damage and to repair tools.

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Freak Blast Causes Fire

RENFREW, Ont. (CP)—A gasoline explosion is blamed for the $100,000 fire which destroyed a Canadian Tire Corp. store here.

Fire officials report a carpenter working in the store turned a gasoline control switch for what he thought was a light switch. The explosion occurred when the gasoline hit hot steam pipes.

Surprise Ruling Lets Ship Pass

PORT SAID, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian authorities have unexpectedly allowed a Greek freighter carrying cargo from Israel to pass through the Suez Canal.

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